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# FACT SHEET

## Regional Afghan Municipalities Program for Urban Populations (RAMP UP)

### OVERVIEW

RAMP UP is a new program designed to create effective, responsive, and accountable municipal governance in targeted municipalities throughout the country. RAMP UP will increase the capacity of Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) officials to: a) perform their core municipal management responsibilities; b) markedly improve the delivery of municipal services to citizens in targeted municipalities; and c) increase municipal capacity to enable, support, and sustain economic growth.

The main GIROA counterpart is the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG). RAMP UP supports the IDLG and the relevant subnational entities (mayors and municipal officials) to increase institutional capacity to implement policy, provide resources that allow municipalities to deliver services, and increase and manage revenue.

Under RAMP UP, a service delivery implementation fund will support municipal activities such as road paving, parks, and solid waste management, and focus on the ability of the municipality to continue to deliver and maintain these services in the long-term through intensive capacity development support. By supporting officials to implement visible municipal service projects that meet the needs of the local population, municipal officials will be able to show evidence of increased effectiveness.

RAMP UP will take place on a decentralized level with a separate award for each Regional Command. The program is designed to work in each provincial capital and additional district municipalities determined in consultation between IDLG, the USG, and the implementing partner(s).

### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Afghan citizens receive better services and view local governance structures as legitimate
- Urban residents understand the responsibilities of municipal leaders and play active roles in the municipal decision-making process
- Targeted municipalities have functioning performance budgeting systems
- Mayors and municipal officials are able to better perform the duties of their positions
- Service delivery is visible in targeted municipalities with the GIROA taking credit for these activities
- Municipalities have streamlined and improved tax collection and management
- Municipal Management and Capacity Improvement Plans are developed to guide future municipal development
- New service performance standards are introduced to effect change in the culture and abilities of municipal service providers
- Municipal governments are able to assess and manage their assets with attention to long-term potential for revenue generation